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SUBJECT: MORE ON TUNNELS

REF: SEOUL 1933

1. STRETCHING TUNNEL STORY OUT INTO SEVENTH DAY, ROK PRESS MARCH 25 GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO UNC ANNOUNCEMENT (REFTEL) THAT INTERCEPT TUNNEL PENETRATED NORTH KOREAN TUNNEL IN SIXTH DIVISION AREA. AGAIN ON MARCH 26 IN ARTICLES ON NORTH KOREAN FIGHTER INTRUSIONS (SEOUL 1989), MOST PAPERS MANAGED TO WORK IN PARAGRAPH OR TWO ABOUT TUNNELS AND THREAT THEY REPRESENT. MARCH 25 STORIES ON INTERCEPT TUNNEL WERE STRAIGHT FORWARD AND FACTUAL AND ACCOMPANIED BY PICTURES.

2. COMMENT: ROKS HAVE PLAYED UP MOST RECENT TUNNEL DISCOVERY EVEN MORE THAN FIRST ONE. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT TUNNELS REPRESENT SUBSTANTIAL THREAT, AND THIS SECOND TUNNEL, WHICH IS FAR MORE ELABORATE UNDERTAKING THAN FIRST, UNDERLINES FACT. NONETHELESS, ROKS HAVE EXAGGERATED THEIR CASE UNNECESSARILY. BEST EVIDENCE OF THIS IS LETTER GENERAL STILWELL SENT TO MND SUH ON EVE OF SECOND TUNNEL ANNOUNCEMENT, IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH CINCUNC SUGGESTED THAT MINISTER REVISE OR OMIT

SEVERAL EXAGGERATIONS AND SPECULATIVE ASSERTIONS IN  
LATTER'S DRAFT STATEMENT BEFORE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY,  
INCLUDING UNCONFIRMED CLAIMS REGARDING TUNNEL  
LENGTH AND NUMBER AND LOCATION OF EXITS AND  
CAPACITY OF TUNNEL FOR MOVING VEHICLES, ARTILLERY,  
AND ONE DIVISION PER HOUR. MND ACCEPTED NONE OF THESE  
SUGGESTIONS, PRESENTING HIS STATEMENT ESSENTIALLY  
UNCHANGED ON MARCH 20 TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND  
SUBSEQUENTLY GIVING IT TO PRESS, WHICH HAS CONTINUED  
TO MAKE THESE POINTS AMONG OTHER MORE VALID ONES  
FOR OVER A WEEK. MND LATER STATED CINCUNC  
SUGGESTED CHANGES NOT INCORPORATED INTO HIS  
STATEMENT BEFORE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DUE TO INSUFFICIENT  
TIME.  
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